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Re: Joint Application of Duke Energy Corporation, Duke Energy Holding Corp., Cougar Acquisition Corp., Cinergy Corp., The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, and The Union Light, Heat and Power Company for Approval of a Transfer and Acquisition of Control Case No. 2005-00228

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

In order to keep you abreast of the progress of the Cinergy/Duke Merger, I have enclosed a copy of the letter from the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") granting the request for early termination of the waiting period in the above-referenced matter.

This FTC early termination letter relates to the Joint Applicants' filing under the Hart-Scott Rodino Act. This filing is discussed at page 28 of Mr. Ficke's testimony in the above-referenced case. As we mentioned in Mr. Ficke's testimony, we did not anticipate that the proposed acquisition would implicate any provision under federal antitrust laws. This early termination letter from the FTC confirms this, and no further action is necessary relating to the Hart-Scott Rodino Act.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (513) 287-3601.

Sincerely,

John J. Finnigan, Jr. Senior Counsel

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cc: All parties of record (w/encl.)

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## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20580

August 11, 2005

Joseph D Larson, Esq. Partner Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz 51 West 52nd Street New York, NY 100196150 USA

Re: EARLY TERMINATION GRANTED

Transaction Identification Number 20051291 Cinergy Corp. / Duke Energy Corporation

Dear Mr. Larson:

The request for early termination of the waiting period is granted effective August 11, 2005 02:58 PM with respect to the proposed acquisition by Cinergy Corp. of certain voting securities of Duke Energy Corporation. Early termination of the waiting period is provided by Section 7A(b)(2) of the Clayton Act and Sections 803.10(b) and 803.11(c) of the Premerger Notification Rules.

Notice of this termination will be published in the Federal Register in accordance with Section 7a(b)(2) of the Clayton Act and Section 803.11(c) of the Premerger Notification Rules and on the Federal Trade Commission's internet site [http://www.ftc.gov/bc/earlyterm/index.html].

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 202-326-3589.

Sincerely,

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